

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Original) A tablet feeder in which tablets are delivered from a tablet storage case mounted on a case support table, and when the tablets are passed through a delivery passage formed in the case support table, quantity of the passed tablets is counted by a counting means, comprising  
case detection means for outputting a detection signal from start of mounting of the tablet storage case on the case support table, so that the counting means is kept in off state until a start state of mounting of the tablet storage case is detected by the case detection means and is set to on state after detection.
2. (Original) The tablet feeder as defined in Claim 1, wherein the tablet storage case is provided with an information display section for displaying information about tablets to be stored, and the case support table is provided with identification means for detecting the information display section, so that the identification means is kept in off state until a start state of mounting of the tablet storage case is detected by the case detection means and is set to on state after detection.
3. (Original) The tablet feeder as defined in Claim 1, wherein the counting means is set to on state based on the detection signal from the case detection means after passing of noise influence time.
4. (New) The tablet feeder as defined in Claim 1, wherein the case detection means is capable of separately detecting a state from a start of mounting of the tablet storage case on the case support table to a middle of the mounting and a state from the middle of the mounting to an end of the mounting.